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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Pringle Creek Path Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Salem, OR and the project is located in Pringle Creek, north bank, between Commercial Street SE and Riverfront Park, Salem, Oregon, 97301.

The funding is designated for constructing a critical missing segment of the Pringle Creek Path along the north bank of Pringle Creek connecting Salem Civic Center to Riverfront Park. The project connects to the existing grade-separated under-crossings of Commercial Street bridge and crosses under the BNR rail line east of Riverfront Park. The project will result in a continuous off-street path connection between Salem Hospital, Pringle Park, Riverfront Park, Minto Brown Island Park, Wallace Marine Park, and Willamette University.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: Completing this critical gap in the trail network will support people commuting by bicycle to and from west Salem, as well as to communities farther afield, including Rickreall (approximately 11 miles) and Monmouth (approximately 17 miles). The project addresses a safety concern by providing an alternative to walking or bicycling along Oregon Highway 22, which is on the National Highway System and is a designated freight route.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Kurt Schrader
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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